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that the former column locomotives would be assigned to the reserve pool  
of locomotives controlled by the GDR Ministry of Railroads. <sup>1</sup> In early  
July, the deputy chief of the Main Administration for Locomotives con-  
ducted negotiations with the Polish railroad administration in Warsaw. <sup>2</sup>

2.

The former column locomotives are to be parked at the following points:

Ruednitz, in the area of RBD Berlin  
Kerkwitz, in the area of RBD Cottbus  
Ducherow, in the area of RBD Greifswald  
Magdeburg-Rothensee, in the area of RBD Magdeburg  
Meyenburg and another undetermined place, in the area of RBD Schwerin  
Eilenburg, in the area of RBD Halle. <sup>3</sup>

3.

Orders were given that an SSD official and a uniformed policeman be assigned  
to all dispatcher offices established with the Ministry of Railroads,  
RBD headquarters, and railroad subdistrict offices. <sup>4</sup>

4.

Since about mid-July 1954, preparations have been made to provide the  
office space required by the introduction of the new dispatcher  
system. Special security measures were taken for all the offices involved. <sup>4</sup>

5.

On 1 May 1954, the dispatcher system was introduced with RBD Erfurt. The  
dispatcher system is to be introduced with RBD Magdeburg on 1 October 1954.  
For lack of trained personnel the new system cannot be introduced  
simultaneously in all RBDs. <sup>4</sup>

6.

The so-called "Richtpunktverfahren", designed to improve the efficiency  
of freight traffic was introduced in all RBDs on 1 July 1954. <sup>5</sup>

Comment. Information on the reorganization of Soviet transit traffic  
through Poland which went into effect on 1 July 1954 was reported previously.

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X [REDACTED] Comment. In connection with the reorganization of Soviet transit traffic through Poland, the GDR Railroad Administration offered to lend ~~a total of~~ 80 locomotives to the Polish Railroad Administration. It is believed that the negotiations mentioned were connected with this transaction.

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X [REDACTED] Comment. Ruednitz which is northeast of Berlin, Kerkwitz which is located southwest of Guben, and Ducherow which is located northwest of Pasewalk, had previously been used for the parking of reserve column locomotives.

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X [REDACTED] Comment. Information on the introduction of the ~~so-called~~ dispatcher service after the Soviet pattern, was transmitted previously. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. <sup>dispersed</sup> The so-called "Richtpunktverfahren" concerns the marshaling and ~~shunting~~ of trains at shunting stations and marshaling yards. It has been designed to simplify these operations. One of the main features of the new system is a basic change in the previous procedure of labeling trains with waybills which fix the route of the cars from the place of departure to destination.

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